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### Fr. Tirso Villaverde of St. Bartholomew's 40th Birthday Party

Some of our readers spent the night of August 28 at a 40th birthday party for Fr. Tirso Villaverde of St. Bartholomew's by Cicero & Addison.

The party was celebrated at the church & school with the help of Fr. Jason Malave & Fr. Eduardo Pinzon, along with two priests formerly of Queen of All Saints: Fr. Mike Grisalano & Fr. Mike Goergen.

Some of the birthday party guests were our readers Julius Cacho, Ted Costa, Franz & Marissa & Violeta Espinosa, Mike & Mary Kessler and Oliver Sarmiento.

Guests were entertained by a DJ with karaoke & dancing - including the extended version of the Chicken Dance - punctuated by a lot of bad dancing!

The birthday guest of honor Fr. Tirso Villaverde grew up at Lawrence & Pulaski and he says he's going to donate many of his presents to charity.



Fr. Tirso Villaverde & friends

### Wrong Envelopes in Evanston Water Bills

Due to an error by the print and mail vendor used by the City of Evanston, 807 residents were sent return remittance envelopes which are addressed to the Village of Berkeley. Residents should discard this envelope and contact the Water Meter Division at 847-866-2943 for an Evanston envelope or, alternatively, use your own envelope and mail to: City of Evanston Water Department, P.O. Box 4007, Carol Stream, IL 60197-4007

You may also pay by phone at 847-866-2941 or online at <http://www.cityofevanston.org/utilities/water-ebilling/> We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused and please do not hesitate to contact us at either phone number above.

### Doherty-Mulroe Square-Off for Illinois State Senate 10th District Race

On Tuesday, October 5th, at 7:30pm, Alderman Brian Doherty will debate appointed State Senator John Mulroe at Wright Jr. College, located at 4300 North Narragansett Ave. on Chicago's northwest side.

### "Evanston Day" at Ryan Field Sept. 25

Northwestern University Football and the City of Evanston are teaming up to "Paint Evanston Purple!" and we want your help!

On Saturday September 25, 2010 the Wildcats are taking on Central Michigan and hosting Evanston Day at Ryan Field! Evanston Day is a great opportunity to come together as a community and show Evanston's support for the Wildcats as they take on the Chippewas of Central Michigan.

Get your specially priced game tickets at <http://www.cityofevanston.org/festivals-concerts/paint-evanston-purple/game-day/>



### Begins September 23

### Bike the Ridge Oct 3 in Evanston

Join us on Sunday, October 3, for the Annual Bike the Ridge ride! Ridge Avenue between Howard and Church will be closed to ALL vehicular traffic.

Bikes are not allowed on Ridge Avenue at any other time, so come out and enjoy this non-competitive, City-sponsored special event! The ride will take place between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. Ridge Avenue will be closed to ALL vehicular traffic from Howard Street to Church Street from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl as she leads us in the ride at 9:00 a.m. at the intersection of Ridge Avenue and Howard Street. You may bike Ridge Avenue from Howard Street to Church Street and back again or anywhere in the middle. Children under age 18 are required to wear bike helmets per City of Evanston ordinance.

Children are encouraged to decorate their bicycles in advance so they can show them off when they ride with the Mayor during the kick off. Children who wish to decorate their bicycles that day are invited to stop by Turin Bicycle's bike decorating station.

Activities will be held at these parks along the route: Ridgeville Park, Ridge between Seward and South Blvd.; Grey Park, Ridge at Main; and Alexander Park, Ridge at Grove.

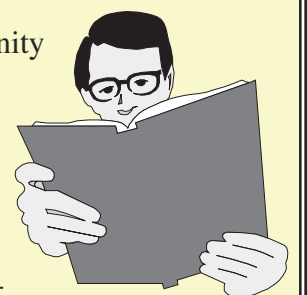
For more information go to: <http://www.cityofevanston.org/festivals-concerts/bike-the-ridge/>

### Free Reading/ESL/GED Classes for Adults/Tutors Needed

Free classes are held through Oakton Community College at many locations for adults who need help with their English speaking, reading, writing, math, or GED preparation.

To be trained as a VITA (Volunteers in Teaching Adults) volunteer tutor, a required 3-part training session will be held at Oakton in Skokie on the evenings of September 2 and 7 and on Saturday, October 2.

Call 847-635-1426 for more information or go to our Web site: [www.oakton.edu](http://www.oakton.edu) and click on Continuing Education or Volunteer Programs.



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## OUR LADY OF THE RESURRECTION MEDICAL CENTER AND ALDERMAN TOM ALLEN CO-SPONSOR FALL INTO FITNESS 5K RUN/WALK

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center and 38th Ward Alderman Tom Allen are co-sponsoring the 11th Annual Fall into Fitness 5K Run/Walk in Portage Park on Sunday, September 26, 2010. Proceeds from the event will go toward providing health care for the indigent who are treated at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Long and Belle Plaine (near Irving Park Road and Central Avenue) and will follow a route through the 38th Ward neighborhood. The race will conclude in Portage Park and will be followed by a ceremony with awards presented to the top finishers.

Registration is required to participate in the Fall into Fitness 5K Run/Walk. Registration forms and additional information are available by going online to [olr.reshealth.org/5krun](http://olr.reshealth.org/5krun) or calling toll-free 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).



## 15th Annual "Light up the Lakefront"

Friday, October 1, marks the first day of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Join local nonprofit agency Between Friends while they pay tribute to those who have lost their lives to domestic violence at the 15th Annual "Light up the Lakefront" Luminaria.

The event will take place at Oak Street Beach, located at 1000 North Lake Shore Drive, on Friday, October 1, from 7:30 to 8:00 pm.

For further information, visit [BetweenFriendsChicago.org](http://BetweenFriendsChicago.org) or call (773) 274-5232.

## NORWOOD PARK SENIOR CENTER TO CELEBRATE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The community is invited to join in the festivities as the Norwood Park Senior Center celebrates its one-year anniversary on Thurs., Sept. 23. The event will take place from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., at the Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave. in Chicago.

Keith Chase-Ziolek, director of the Center, said a banjo band will provide afternoon entertainment and refreshments will be available. "We expect a large crowd for the celebration," he added, "and we urge our members and others in the community to be sure and join us. If you're over 55 and haven't been to our center yet, this is a good time to get acquainted with our facility. Mark your calendars now for this fun time!"

The Norwood Park Senior Center has more than 400 members and has already become known as one of the most active and lively gathering places in Chicago. They have been recognized for their in-house programs, ongoing activities and exciting outings. The Norwood Pak Satellite Senior Center is a partnership with the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, the Chicago Park District, and Norwood Seniors Network.

## The Sauganash Woman's Club

The Sauganash Woman's Club invites you to the first of their scheduled meetings. It will be held on Tuesday, October 5 2010, at 11:30, in the Club Room of the Sauganash Park Field House, 5861 N. Kostner Ave. in Chicago. The order of business will be a social hour with refreshments, a program, and a business meeting. The program will be by Mari- Kay Zaraza, Attorney-at-Law, and a member of the club, on the changes in laws which would be of interest to the membership. Membership dues, \$35.00, will be collected, and the Yearbook distributed to paid members. Members will also receive invitations to the Fall Benefit Luncheon. Additional invitations will be available for members to invite guests. Ad and donation forms will be available for distribution to potential businesses and donors. Members will be able to sign up for the various committees of the club.

Members and friends are asked to keep Thursday, November 18, 2010, free, and plan to attend the Fall Benefit Luncheon. The theme this year will be the Native American Dream Catcher, and is entitled, "Catch the Dream". This luncheon is the Club's annual fund raiser for their many philanthropic activities.

The club is happy to announce that membership in the organization is now open to women outside the Sauganash community. The purposes of the 81 year old club are to support philanthropic endeavors, distributed through a foundation incorporated in 1984, and to promote sociability among the members. The philanthropic projects are for the betterment of children, for the support and assistance of family living, and for community support. Children, adults, the elderly, the hospitalized, and the homeless are all considered for benefits.

The Club meets every first Tuesday of the month, October through December and March through May, in the Club Room of the Sauganash Park Field House, from 11:30 to 3:00 p.m. The meetings consist of a social hour with refreshment, a program of interest to the membership, and a business meeting.

They sponsor a Fall Benefit Party with a Grand Raffle and a Themed Basket Raffle. Proceeds go towards philanthropic projects. The Club also has a Spring Luncheon to close the year. In addition to the meetings, the luncheons, and working together on benefit projects, additional social contacts are available in bridge and canasta groups. You are welcome to come join us as a guest to see if you would be interested in becoming a member.

## Annual Skokie Flu Shot Clinics Continue

The Skokie Health Department will offer influenza ("flu") shots, by appointment only, to Skokie residents this fall. Proof of Skokie residency will be required for all participants, and appointments will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. You can make your own appointment on line at [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org) and clicking the appointment link or by calling the Health Department at 847-933-8252 if you do not have computer access.

The clinics will be held on Tuesdays, September 28 and October 12 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and on Monday, October 4 from 3 to 7 p.m. These are appointment only clinics. No walk-ins will be taken. Participants covered by Medicare Part B are asked to bring their card with them to the clinic. This is necessary for the Health Department to receive reimbursement from Medicare.

The clinics will be held at the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street. This site is accessible to people with disabilities and is also accessible via the #97 and #54A buses.

Please contact the Health Department for further information at 847/933-8252

## Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center Offers October Health Programs

Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 W. Addison St., Chicago, will offer the following health events in October.

A free lecture titled "Updates on Breast Health" will be given Monday, October 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. October is breast cancer awareness month and Rabia Bhatti, M.D., surgeon and medical director of the Breast Center, will discuss breast health, screening guidelines, current treatments including lumpectomy verses mastectomy, and BRCA (breast cancer susceptibility genes 1 and 2) testing: what it is, how it is used, when it is ordered, what do test results mean. A question and answer session will be included. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

The **Diabetes Support Group** will meet Tuesday, October 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center A. These free sessions are tailored for adults who have Type 2 diabetes and focus on the emotional side of diabetes, allowing participants to share coping strategies, feelings and problems in living with diabetes. For further information about the Diabetes Support Group, call 773-794-8329.

Free **depression screenings** will be offered Thursday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. Negative feelings during difficult economic times are normal but untreated depression can deplete a person's energy and interfere with completing basic tasks. Resurrection Behavioral Health staff will provide confidential depression screenings that only take 15 minutes. Participants will be contacted one week after the screening with a follow-up phone call if they approve. Advance registration is required by calling 877-RES-INFO (877-737-4636).

A free **Healthy Aging Program** will be held Friday, October 8, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the seventh floor Centennial Conference Center. This program for individuals aged 55 and older consists of social time, health topics and guest lectures. Linda Mercado-Vazquez, project manager from 311 City Services, will discuss and answer questions related to services the City of Chicago offers. Registration is not required.

Free parking is available in the hospital's parking facility on Addison Street.

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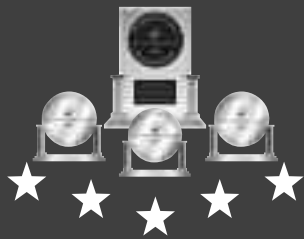
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## 2nd Evanston Community Budget Workshop

The second Community Budget Workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 29th at 7 p.m. at the Levy Senior Center located at 300 Dodge Ave.

The Evanston City Council will begin its annual budget process this year on September 20 with a City Council Goal Setting Session.

Similar to last year, City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz will seek residential input in mid and late September prior to the release of the draft Fiscal Year 2011 budget to the City Council on October 8. All budget related documents will be posted on the City's web site at: [www.cityofevanston.org/budget](http://www.cityofevanston.org/budget).

The purpose of these sessions will be to gather ideas and suggestions regarding the anticipated plan and to continue to foster a transparent budget process.

City Council budget discussions and Public Hearings on the draft budget will occur in October and November, with the final budget adoption anticipated just before Thanksgiving.

## Evanston Fire Dept. Open Houses Oct 2

To kick-off Fire Safety Month, the Evanston Fire and Life Safety Services will be holding open houses at all five of its fire stations throughout the City on Saturday, October 2nd, 2010 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Meet the firefighters and see up close fire engines, fire trucks, ambulances and all the equipment they use to keep the Evanston community safe!

All residents are invited to stop by and learn what it is like to live and work in a fire station!

For additional information, contact Captain Geoffrey Block at 847/866-5936 or [gblock@cityofevanston.org](mailto:gblock@cityofevanston.org). To learn more about Fire Prevention Week, visit [www.cityofevanston.org](http://www.cityofevanston.org)

## CJE SeniorLife SUPPORT GROUPS AND PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS

CJE SeniorLife offers support groups on a wide variety of topics of interest to seniors and their families. Fees vary according to the program and individual circumstances and some groups may be partially covered by Medicare and supplemental insurance. For information or to join a group, call CJE SeniorLife at 773/508-1000.

### Holocaust Survivors - Coffee and Conversation

Meets every Monday and Thursdays throughout the month

Sponsored by Jewish Child and Family Services (JCFS) and CJE SeniorLife Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Sponsored by JCFS and CJE SeniorLife.

Monthly meeting dates: Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25 There is no charge. To register, call 847/568-5100.

On Thursdays, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at JCFS Joy F. Knapp Center, 3145 W. Pratt Blvd., Chicago

Monthly meeting dates: Oct.7, 14, 21 and 28 There is no charge. For more information, call 847/568-5100

### Living Life Through Loss: A Drop-In Bereavement Support Group

Meets every Wednesday, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., at CJE SeniorLife,

3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago Monthly meeting dates: Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27

Any adult over the age of 60 who has lost a loved one in the past three years is encouraged to attend. There is a \$5 fee for each session. For more information, call 773/508-1129. Sponsored by CJE SeniorLife and the Jewish Healing Network.

### Making Connections: Seniors with Adult Children with Disabilities

Meets first and third Tuesday of every month. Offers families an opportunity to connect, share experiences and learn about benefits and community resources. Sponsored by CJE's Linkages Program. Bernard Horwich Building, 3003 W.

Touhy Ave., Chicago, 11 a.m. to noon. Those interested in attending must register in advance by calling 773/508-1694. Monthly meeting dates: October 5 and 19

### Community Senior Adults

This group is now open to new members. Enjoy lunch, socialization and great entertainment on a weekly basis. Participants can purchase Kosher lunches at Lieberman's Noshery at an affordable price. Meets every Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation, 9700 Gross Point Road, Skokie.

Call Esther Craven at 773/508-1047. Monthly meeting dates: Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

### Monday, Oct. 11

The Life of Shirley Temple. Susan Benjamin presents a comprehensive view of the life and performances of Shirley Temple, includes film clips and music. 2 p.m., Weinberg Community for Senior Living, 1551 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield.

### Wednesday, Oct. 13

Celebrate CJE. CJE SeniorLife's annual fundraising benefit, Celebrate CJE, featuring three-time Grammy Award winning singer Nancy Wilson, takes place at Swissôtel Chicago, 323 E. Wacker Dr. 5:30 p.m. For reservations, call 773/508-1025 or visit [www.cje.net](http://www.cje.net).

## Doherty picks up Key Senate Endorsement from Fraternal Order of Police - Chicago

The Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7 announced last week their formal endorsement of Alderman Brian Doherty for State Senate in the 10th District.

"I'm proud and deeply honored to have received this endorsement from the men and women in uniform who risk their lives every day on the streets of Chicago. The Chicago Fraternal Order of Police recognized my efforts on the City Council where I have diligently worked on behalf of their members for nearly twenty years," stated Doherty.

About Brian Doherty - As Alderman of Chicago's 41st Ward, Brian Doherty has distinguished himself as an independently minded, fiscal conservative. Recognized by the Chicago Tribune for "presiding ably over his ward" and by the Sun-Times for acting "independently," Brian has been a consistent advocate for more efficient, less intrusive government. For more information, please visit: [www.DohertyforSenate.com](http://www.DohertyforSenate.com).

## Doherty Praises Cook County Board for Protecting Seniors

Alderman Brian Doherty, republican candidate for state senate (10th District), praised the Cook County Board for their unanimous passage of a resolution last Wednesday (9/15) urging the General Assembly to repeal a new law requiring Cook County senior citizens to prove they are eligible for a special property tax break each year. Doherty supported a similar measure that passed the City Council the previous week.

Instead of rolling over each year, Cook County seniors will now have to renew the tax break annually. "It's not like these residents are going to stop being senior citizens. I don't get it. Many seniors already have difficulty with the tax code," stated Doherty.

Brian Doherty has long staffed his aldermanic office with a Seniors Liaison whose chief responsibility is to review senior's taxes to ensure they receive the appropriate tax breaks and the senior property tax freeze. "We need to make every effort to help seniors remain independent as long as possible. Most seniors would rather remain in their own homes," Doherty said.

About Brian Doherty — As Alderman of Chicago's 41st Ward, Brian Doherty has distinguished himself as an independently minded, fiscal conservative. Recognized by the Chicago Tribune for "presiding ably over his ward" and by the Sun-Times for acting "independently," Brian has been a consistent advocate for more efficient, less intrusive government. For more information, please visit: [www.DohertyforSenate.com](http://www.DohertyforSenate.com).

## Early Voting Fall 2010 Village of Skokie

Early voting for the November 2, 2010 election begins on October 12, 2010 and ends on October 28, 2010 at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie. Any registered voter in suburban Cook County may vote early at this location or any other designated early voting location.

Any person who will be 18 years old by November 2, 2010 may register to vote. Persons who have moved or changed their names must re-register. The registration deadline is October 4, although there is a grace period to register at certain Cook County Courts.

Applications for absentee ballots are available now at the Skokie Village Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots are generally used by students who are away from home, snowbirds or handicapped/disabled persons.

The offices up for election include: U.S. Senator, U.S. Representatives, Governor, Cook County Board President and Commissioners, State Senators, State Representatives, Judges

For further information please contact the office of Skokie Village Clerk Marlene Williams at 847/933-8203.

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# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

## GUERIN PREP WELCOMES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND NOLAN SCHOLARS

Among the almost 550 students beginning the 2010-2011 school year at Guerin College Preparatory High School, 74 students are recipients of special scholarships, including the presidential and principal scholarships, and the Cuny, Kenning, Walscheid, Reader and Coulombe scholarships.

In addition 20 incoming students were named Nolan Scholars, joining 41 students as current Nolan Scholars.

Overall, Guerin Prep has given scholarship and tuition aid awards to 286 students for the 2010-2011 school year, totally more than \$500,000.

### Presidential Scholars

Six incoming freshmen have received a \$2,000 presidential scholarship for their freshmen year as a result of their top scores on the entrance exam taken last January. These scholarships can be renewed for their sophomore year if they maintain a 3.7 grade point average (GPA).

These freshmen are Madeline Blackburn, James Byrne, Hannah Fath, Alexandra Schieber, Michael Sprague and Lois Tuman.

Seven students had this scholarship renewed for their sophomore year: Karolina Cieslak, Agnes Galej, Ryan Kurtz, Geena Lardino, Shannon Manzella, James Nasiri, and Jacklyn Story.

Twelve incoming freshmen earned a principal's scholarship of \$1,500 each. To be eligible a student must be among the top 10 scores on the entrance exam. This, too, is renewable if a student maintains a 3.25 GPA.

The students are Lindsey Amati, Gavin Byrne, Jacob Danner, Brian Hufnus, Peter Mandybur, Taylor Reiss, Kevin Salgado, Michael Shaver, Daniel Siman, Mary Toohey, Sean Turlan, Colleen Walsh.

Three students have had these scholarships renewed for their sophomore year: Anisa Bravo, Giovanni Palomino, Andrew Rangel.

### Nolan Scholars

Twenty freshmen have been named Nolan Scholars and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. This special four-year program gives gifted, motivated students an opportunity to pursue advanced courses of study, participate in enrichment and service experiences and receive special mentoring all aimed at preparing them to succeed at top tier colleges and universities. The program was named in honor of Sister Nancy Nolan, former president of Guerin Prep.

These students are Lindsay Amati, Stephanie Bartoli, Madeline Blackburn, Anna D'Allesandro, Jacob Danner, Ryan Donlan, Alyssa Duff, Gino Fasso, Hannah Fath, Peter Mandybur, Anthony Marra, Carlie Nissen, Taylor Reiss, Kevin Salgado, Alexandra Schieber, Daniel Siman, Michael Sprague, Mary Toohey, Lois Tuman, Colleen Walsh.

### Returning Nolan Scholars

The program, now in its third year, includes a group of sophomore and junior scholars.

The sophomore Nolan Scholars include Adela Armousch, Anisa Bravo, Karoline Cieslak, Justine Colon, Danielle DiBari, Aga Galej, Luke Gerace, Erika Gomez, Kevin Kross, Ryan Kurtz, Geena Lardino, Natalie Lezama, Shannon Manzella, James Nasiri, Gio Palomino, Andrew Rangel, Ana Rubin DeCelis, Jaime Santana, Alexandra Sifuentes, Oliver Sitkowski, Allison Steiber, Jaclyn Story and Cara Ya-

cobucci. The juniors are Izik Alequin, Kim Bianco, Molly Campbell, Dylan Choate, Melissa Cyrwus, Paula Kopec, Iwona Lazarz, Steven Legacki, Jessica McClain, Vanessa Negron, Joanna Nguyen, Melanie Niepsuj, Pat O'Brien, Natalia Skrzyziarz, Cassidy Tarpey, Will Torres, Danielle Wade and Jenna Zacharias.

### Special Awards

Eighteen students will benefit from the Sister Gertrude Smith Scholarship Fund, established with a gift from the Sisters of Providence to honor Sister Gertrude, an outstanding educator.

An award of \$1,000 will go to the following students who have demonstrated an academic average of 2.5 or better, active participation in extracurricular activities, evidence of good citizenship in and out of school and financial need. The students are Seniors Adam Fawell, Matthew Klich, Sheena Marin, Adriana Rodriguez, Derek Rogoz and Daniel Wentz; Juniors Molly Campbell, Jessica McClain, Kenneth McNally, Marco Silva, Natalia Skrzyziarz, Cassidy Tarpey, Camila Waksanski and Jenna Zacharias; Sophomores Ronald Johnson, Natalie Lezama, Ana Rubin De Celis and Roberto Sanchez.

Andrea Bielicki and Rhiannon Taylor will each receive a full-tuition scholarship and Vicky Giannini a semester's tuition scholarship to Guerin Prep for their senior year as part of the Therese Marie Cuny Scholarship program for junior girls, sponsored by Christine Speiser, a Mother Theodore Guerin High School alumna. They were chosen from among 16 finalists.

Additionally, Mrs. Speiser awarded four Risk-Taker Awards with a scholarship of \$1,000 for each student—Nicolette Bridgeforth, Diana Meo, Heather Marie Saez and Martha Zinkiewicz.

Incoming freshman Olivia Borg and Junior Sam Loconti are this year's winners of the Carmen D. & Angie Forte Italian Heritage Scholarship and each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship honors the Fortes, long-time supporters of Guerin Prep and its foundation schools—Mother Theodore Guerin and Holy Cross high schools.

A similar scholarship was established by MTG alumna Jeanette Murphy to honor her father. Named the Czeslaw Michalczuk Polish Heritage Scholarship, the \$750 award was given to Senior Dominika Wroblewska.

Jacklynn McClain is the recipient of the Harold and Genevieve Kenning Scholarship, established by Guerin Prep's college counselor Rita Kenning to honor her parents and to help an incoming freshman from St. Celestine School in nearby Elmwood Park.

Three juniors, who are honor science students will benefit from a scholarship named for Betty Walscheid '68, science teacher at Mother Guerin high school for 18 years—Andrea Belicki, Nicole Kulach and Joanna Nguyen. Senior Dominika Wroblewska has also received a Walscheid award.

Junior Lauren Tisza is this year's Alfred J. Coulombe scholarship recipient. It was established by Coulombe's wife and three daughters (Christine '88, Charisse '92 and Colette '97) to honor his French heritage and to assist an outstanding French student. Lauren received a \$500 scholarship.

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## Fall Fun Fair at Norwood Park School

On Saturday, October 16th, Norwood Park School will have a Fall Fun Fair from 1-8 pm on the school grounds. The school is located at 5900 N. Nina Ave., Chicago. FREE ADMISSION. Activities from 1-5pm include games, hay rides, face painting, a baggo contest, and a classic car show! The always popular Haunted House will be open from 5-8pm and a DJ will be spinning spooky music to entertain the crowd! Refreshments and treats will be served throughout the fair.

The Norwood Park School PTA is sponsoring this event and encourages everyone to come out and have fun with your community! For more information see the school website at [www.nps.cps.k12.il.us](http://www.nps.cps.k12.il.us) or call 773-534-1198.

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## Saint Hyacinth Basilica School Celebrates First Day of School

On August 24th, Saint Hyacinth Basilica School in Chicago opened its doors for the 2010-2011 school year. Excitement was in the air as students from Preschool to 8th grade entered their classrooms and met their teachers for the first time.

Teachers and students alike are looking forward to start the year

"We have so many new families this year, I can't wait to see smiling faces!" – Staff

"This year's 4th grade class is TEAM 206...can't wait to see what new things we come ups with this year!" – Teacher

"I can't wait to learn about Jesus and make my First Communion!" –Student

Saint Hyacinth Basilica School students have a great school year planned for them. Family Fun Nights; Chuckie Cheese Nights; All School Field Trips like the zoo; Christmas Program Talent Show; Grandparents Day; Career Day; and many more. Each week students attend computer, art, and library classes. Students also have the opportunity to join a variety of clubs and activities including Sports Program (Go Huskies); Student Council; Project Citizen; Children's Choir; Science Club; Book Club; and many more new clubs to come! Parents also have the option for their children to attend before or after school care.

Saint Hyacinth Basilica School boasts an outstanding educational environment and is still accepting students for the 2010-2011 school year. If you'd like to learn more about Saint Hyacinth Basilica School, please contact Director of Development, Tatyana Rodriguez at 773-342-7550 or Email: [trodriguez@sthyacinthbasilicaschool.org](mailto:trodriguez@sthyacinthbasilicaschool.org).

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## LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74 - ALL YEAR REUNION.

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## Village of Skokie Welcomes the Opening of the New Police Station

The public is invited to an open house at the new Skokie Police Station, 7300 Niles Center Road, on Sunday, October 3, 2010, from 1 to 4 p.m. A brief ribbon-cutting takes place at 1 p.m., after which building tours begin and continue until the event concludes at 4 p.m.

The new building is expected to receive, at minimum, silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Program (LEED), the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance 'green' buildings. It replaces the original Police and Courthouse building at Laramie and Main Streets that served as the police station headquarters since 1957.

Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the indoor firing range that has the capacity for a squad car to allow enhanced training for real-life emergency situations. Visitors also will be able to walk through the detention center that contains four detention blocks, and attorney/client room, three interrogation rooms and more, all equipped with cameras and threshold alarms. Police vehicles will be on display, canine unit demonstrations are planned and visitors will receive giveaways and information about crime prevention.

For further information see [ww.skokie.org](http://ww.skokie.org) or contact the Village Manager's Office at 847/933-8210.

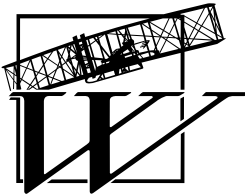
# LOCAL SCHOOLS & YOUTH EVENTS

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## Renewable Energy Series at Wright

An ongoing Saturday series on renewable energy systems offered through the Wright Sustainability Center will offer "green" technology information for homeowners, building professionals and businesses.

The sessions are tailored for various knowledge levels and areas of interest: Solar Entrepreneurship Part 1 on Sept. 25 and Part 2 on Nov. 20; Solar 110 (for building professionals) on Oct. 9, and Solar & Wind 101 on Dec. 11 and Jan. 22.

The upcoming session Solar Entrepreneurship seminar is for the small-business owner interested in adding solar as an additional service or in launching a solar business. It will provide market data, information on incentives and local resources to build a solar business. All sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room S-247 at the college, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave. All sessions start at \$59 for members of the Illinois Solar Energy Association, which Wright partners with to offer these seminars; \$79 for non-members.

For more information or to register, go to [www.illinoissolar.org/events](http://www.illinoissolar.org/events) or call (312) 376-8245.

## HPVEC to Hold Fundraiser Oct. 1

A scholarship fundraiser for the Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center, 1645 N. California Ave. will be held Friday, Oct. 1. The reservation deadline is Sept. 21. The ninth annual Scholarship Fundraising Event will feature hors d'oeuvres, music and refreshments. The suggested donation is \$50. HPVEC is a campus of Wilbur Wright College, providing community residents with occupational skills training in areas with high employment potential.

For more information, contact at (773) 489-8989.

## COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT FOR FRESHMEN AND THEIR PARENTS ON OCTOBER 4 AT NILES NORTH

Niles North freshmen and their parents are invited to attend a College Information Night from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 4 at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler, Skokie. The program will cover: graduation requirements, the college-bound student, what colleges are looking for, athletics, volunteer and community service, and high school transcripts. The program will be held in Room 1200 and conducted by College and Career Counselor Jodie Faltynski and District 219 National College Advisor Jerry Pope.

## Evanston After-school Programs for the New School Year

Whether your child is entering kindergarten or eighth grade, we can provide a safe, nurturing environment. We have specific times for students to study and work on projects, and homework assistance is available. "Down time" is part of the schedule, too, so kids can relax or take part in physical activity, leading to a happier, healthier child! The free drop-in program for middle school students continues at Mason Park. The hours have been modified based on attendance. Fee assistance is available to qualified Evanston residents based on family size and income. The fee assistance application and additional information is posted online at [www.cityofevanston.org/recreationfeeassistance](http://www.cityofevanston.org/recreationfeeassistance). For further information, call 847-866-2900.



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## MAYOR DALEY DEDICATES WEST RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mayor Richard M. Daley cut the ceremonial ribbon today at the new West Ridge Elementary School located at 6700 N. Whipple Street, in the West Rogers Park community on the far north side.

Built to relieve high enrollment at nearby Boone Elementary School and Clinton Elementary School, this new school is part of Mayor Daley's "Modern Schools Across Chicago" (MSAC) initiative, a substantial capital investment by the City of Chicago and the Chicago Public Schools designed to bring new schools and major high school renovations on board throughout Chicago.

"West Ridge Elementary is a great addition to the West Rogers Park community and it underscores our commitment to preparing our youth for future accomplishments in life by taking our schools to a new level of success," said Mayor Richard M. Daley. "Our goal is to make every neighborhood school a high quality school that a parent wants to send their child to because it offers our students a great opportunity for a solid education."

It is one of 11 new schools that have opened under MSAC in the last two years.

West Ridge Elementary contains more than 100,000 square feet and includes pre-k/kindergarten classrooms, 24 standard academic classrooms, two multipurpose rooms, computer, science music and art classrooms, as well as a library/media resource center, a gymnasium, and a play area with playground equipment.

The building, which cost about \$41 million, was fully funded by City of Chicago dollars, including \$31 million in TIF funding. It is targeted to achieve "Silver" level certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design schools' rating system, and includes a combination green and reflective roof to combat the urban heat island effect.

The school is fully accessible for people with disabilities and is designed for community use on evenings and weekends and features separate, independent entrances for both the library and the athletic wing.

In addition to West Ridge Elementary, other new MSAC schools opening this year include Mariano Azuela Elementary School in West Lawn, Solorio Academy High School in Gage Park, Calmecca Academy of Fine Arts and Dual Language in Brighton Park and Federico Garcia Lorca Elementary School Elementary School in the Avondale Community.

"An improved learning environment is one of greatest tools we can give our students and our educators to help them achieve the highest levels possible," Daley said.

Design and construction of West Ridge was overseen and managed by the city's Public Building Commission.

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# GREAT OUTDOORS

## Fall Reminder: Landscapers & Tree Services

### Must Haul Away Debris They Generate

As Summer ends and the first leaves of Autumn prepare to fall the Chicago Department of Streets & Sanitation is once again reminding landscaping and tree removal services that perform work within Chicago City Limits that they are obligated under Chapter 7-28-395 of the Municipal Code of Chicago to remove and properly dispose of any waste generated by their work.

Any violator shall be subject to a fine not less than \$200.00, nor more than \$500.00, for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

To learn more about this or other yard waste requirements visit Streets & Sanitation online at [www.cityofchicago.org/streetsandsan](http://www.cityofchicago.org/streetsandsan) or call us via 3-1-1.

## Receive 10 Free Trees When You Join the Arbor Day Foundation in September

Everyone from Illinois who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in September will receive 10 free trees as part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Trees for America is a program of the Arbor Day Foundation that encourages anyone to help the environment by planting trees. The Arbor Day Foundation is the largest nonprofit organization in the United States dedicated to planting trees.

Everyone who joins will receive an eastern redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, river birch, silver maple, northern red oak and Colorado blue spruce.

"We selected this group of trees to provide benefits during all four seasons in Illinois: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Foundation. "These trees will also add to the proud heritage of Illinois' 191 Tree City USA communities. For 34 years, Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Illinois, and planting these trees will enhance this tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Easy-to-follow planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the 10 free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 2010, or join online at [www.arborday.org/september](http://www.arborday.org/september).

## Skokie Regularly Scheduled Yard Waste Collection Ends and Leaf Collection Begins

Regularly scheduled yard waste collection for the 2010 season concludes after the October 13, 2010 collection.

On Monday, October 18, 2010, the Village begins its annual leaf collection program that continues through early December, weather permitting. The leaf collection program provides residents with an alternate way to dispose of leaves. Instead of bagging, or for those who do not mulch leaves, residents may rake leaves into the street next to the curb in front of their home. As weather permits, Village crews make rounds throughout Skokie collecting the leaves on a weekly basis. Please follow the suggested tips to insure collection:

- Please do not leave grass piles, twigs and branches or other garden debris within the pile as these items can damage equipment and prevent leaf collection.
- Wetting leaves while piled prevents them from blowing away.
- Be mindful of hydrants and keep them visible.
- Rake leaves away from parked cars and do not park on leaf piles.
- Do not rake leaves onto or in sewer drains.

For more information on leaf collection contact the Public Works Department at 847/933-8427.

## North Park Art Walk

The first ever North Park Art Walk will take place October 9 & 10, 2010 from 12pm-6pm right here in Chicago's newest emerging art zone. Dozens of professional Chicago artists will display their works at galleries and warehouses along the 5500 block of N. Kedzie and in studios and storefronts on the 3200-3300 blocks of N. Bryn Mawr Avenues. An Artist's Opening will take place on Friday evening, October 8 from 5-9pm at the Koh-Varilla Guild, 5518 N. Kedzie Avenue.

Over 40 local artists of various media along with filmmakers will participate in this free event. Families are invited to bring their children to the North Park Art Walk. There will be a children's art project sponsored by Northeastern Illinois University. Documentary film screenings will be held on Saturday October 9 at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 N. Kedzie Ave. Visit [www.northparkartwalk.org](http://www.northparkartwalk.org) for more info, email [info@northparkartwalk.org](mailto:info@northparkartwalk.org) or call (773) 478-0202 ext. 25.

Early planning for the North Park Art Walk was initiated by Anna Koh-Varilla and her husband Jeffrey Hanson Varilla, sculptors from the North Park community and owners of the Koh-Varilla Guild whose work includes the veterans' monument bas-relief "Tribute to Freedom" and Water Wall Service Medallions at Chicago's Soldier Field. They are joined by the Hollywood- North Park Community Association and the North River Commission, co-organizers of the North Park Art Walk.

This event is being held in conjunction with Chicago's Artist Month 2010, the 15th annual celebration of Chicago's vibrant visual art community coordinated by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. [www.chicagoartistsmonth.org](http://www.chicagoartistsmonth.org)

Many thanks to local businesses that are donating space and other in-kind services: Mid-Pack Corporation, 5514 N. Kedzie Ave., TFSigns [www.tfsigns.com](http://www.tfsigns.com). 5500 N. Kedzie Ave.

### YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

- Volunteer to sell ads, setup or staff the event
- Buy ad space in the day-of-event brochure and map for \$50 or \$100. Contact: Jewel Klein 773-478-8255 or [JKlein6333@aol.com](mailto:JKlein6333@aol.com)

Visit our local artist's websites:

- Art Kim from Art Zone Café [www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/just-like-dad-used-to-make/Content?oid=908907](http://www.chicagoreader.com/chicago/just-like-dad-used-to-make/Content?oid=908907)
- Koh-Varilla Guild [www.kohvarillaguild.com/](http://www.kohvarillaguild.com/)



## Evanston Recreation Events

**Nature Pals** discover the wonders of fall through stories, songs, nature activities and walks along the lakefront. Children age 2, accompanied by an adult, will enjoy using autumn as a tool for learning basic skills. The eight-week sessions meet from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from Sept. 21-Nov. 10 at the Lighthouse Landing, 2603 Sheridan Rd. Dress for the weather; we plan to venture outside each class. The fee is \$80/EEA member; \$88/Evanston resident or \$96/nonres. Call 847-448-8256 for details.

Join the **Grady Bird Sanctuary Clean-up**. The Ladd Arboretum Committee is seeking volunteers to remove weeds from the Grady Bird Sanctuary in the Ladd Arboretum from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, October 3. The bird sanctuary is a lovely little retreat for people and animals, about 100 yards northeast of the Ecology Center. This also may be an opportunity for anyone needing to fulfill a community service requirement. Please bring tools suitable for weeding. For additional info., please call Jim La Rochelle at 847-494-1763.

**Celebrate World Animal Day**. Children age 3 to 9 and a parent are invited to the Evanston Ecology Center for an evening with the animals that call the Ecology Center home. From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4, environmental educators will bring out some of the animals for an up-close "meet and greet," as well as lead songs and a craft project. The fee is just \$4 per person. Please pre-register by calling 847-448-8256.

**Live Green, Bring it Home!** The 2010 Evanston Green Living Festival is a fabulous day of environmental and sustainable options designed to inspire YOU to live green at home! The festival will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, October 2 at the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. and the adjacent Ladd Arboretum. Purchase a rain barrel, check out the demonstrations and shop from over 60 green exhibitors. Admission is free; the event is sponsored by the City of Evanston and the Evanston Environmental Assoc. (EEA). For details, call 847-448-8256 or visit [evanstongreenfest.org](http://evanstongreenfest.org).

**Get out of the house on your day off school.** On Friday, Oct. 22, youth can get some exercise learning basketball drills and skills or let their imagination run free with drama, crafts, and magic at arts camp. Basketball Camp will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chandler-Newberger Center, 1028 Central St., and Arts Camp is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St. Basketball Camp is \$60/resident and \$74/nonresident, while Arts Camp is \$37/resident and \$40/nonresident. To register or for more information, call 847-866-2900.

Enjoy the fall scenery as you "**Canoe the Canal.**" Take a trip under the changing leaves from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Oct. 10 or Saturday, Oct. 16. This excursion is for those age 5 and older. Fees are \$8/child, \$17/Evanston Environmental Association member, \$20/resident, and \$22/nonresident. To register or for more information, call the Ecology Center at 847-448-8256.

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# GREAT OUTDOORS

## EVANSTON'S FARMERS' MARKETS

### Downtown Evanston Farmers' Market

Dates/Time: Saturdays, May 8 - November 6, 2010 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Intersection of University Place and Oak Ave.

Contact: Zollie Webb, (847) 448-8138, zwebb@cityofevanston.org

Enjoy the bounty of Midwest farmers every Saturday throughout the summer! For 35 years, the Evanston Farmers' Market has been a crowd-pleaser with 30+ vendors who sell fruits, vegetables, meat, flowers, cheese, milk, eggs and bakery items. The Market has a festive atmosphere as the air is filled with various musicians from the Evanston community. As in years past, special events will be featured. Senior coupons for Farmers' Markets will be available through Zollie Webb (contact info. above). Free parking is available in the Maple Avenue Parking Garage

**West End Market** Dates: Saturdays, June 5 - Oct. 30, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Intersection of Church St. and Dodge Ave. (ETHS parking lot)

Contact: Precious Wright, Manager, 847-756-0159

**Ridgeville Market** Dates: Wednesdays, May 12 - Sept. 22, 2010

Time: 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (until Sept. 1); 3:00 p.m. to dusk Sept. 8-22

Location: Intersection of Ridge Ave. and South Blvd.

Contact: Michael Miro, Manager, 847-869-5640

**Central Street Market** This new market specializing in organic produce is being planned for Independence Park, located at Central St. at Stewart St. (about two blocks west of Green Bay Road). Please check back for days/dates/times and more information as it becomes available.

## CHICAGOLAND FARMERS' MARKETS

The following are a few of our local Chicagoland Neighborhood Farmers' Markets. For a complete list go to <http://www.explorechicago.org>.

### Eli's / Wright College Farmers Markets

Eli's/Wright College Farmers Market will have a variety of vendors selling fresh fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers and more.

Eli's Cheesecake Co. Parking Lot, 6701 W. Forest Preserve Dr., Chicago, IL 60641 Thursdays: 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Jun 17, 2010 to Oct 28, 2010

For additional information please visit, <http://www.elicheesecake.com/eventscalendar.aspx>

### Logan Square Farmers Markets

Logan Square Farmers Market is run independently by the Logan Square Chamber of Commerce. A wide variety of fresh goods are available every Sunday beginning June 6.

Logan Square, 3107 W. Logan Blvd., Chicago, IL 60647

Sundays: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Jun 6, 2010 to Oct 31, 2010

For additional information please visit, [www.logansquarefarmersmarket.org](http://www.logansquarefarmersmarket.org)

## Friends of Peterson Park

Friends of Peterson Park has been busy working to improve the Ardmore Entrance. Thanks to Jack Smith for building the sign and trellis. Bob Porter from the Nature Center and his work crew, including Jack, will be planting some native plants in the fall. Friend of Peterson Park is also working with members of the park district to make Trails of Terror a more environmentally responsible, sustainable and park patron - friendly event. This year there are commitments to start construction later, have a dedicated project manager on site every day, and ensure the access around and through the park will not be obstructed except for one middle path. A portion of the proceeds from the event has been committed to pay for restoration of the damage done to the woods and turf. Email [hnpca.org](mailto:hnpca.org) if interested in joining efforts to improve the park.

## Lincolnwood Parks & Recreation Hosts Farmers Market

Beginning Thursday, June 3, the Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department will be operating the Lincolnwood Farmers Market. In its 4th year, the market will run every Thursday through October 14 between the hours of 8am -1pm. The site will be the St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot, located at 4707 West Pratt Ave.

The goal of the market is to bring together residents and the business community, while offering all the opportunity to buy fresh produce and natural products. Vendors will set up displays that may include fruits, vegetables, breads and pastries, flowers, cheese, honey and more.

NEW this year, is the opportunity for community groups, to apply for a table once during the market to showcase an organization and share membership and volunteer opportunities with residents and neighbors. Also NEW this year is the opportunity for local artisans and the business community to apply once for a space for a small fee. (A Village Business license is required to sell products.)

With a 20 week season we hope to accommodate all who wish to participate.

Entertainment and theme days will be provided on certain days of the Market. Watch for more details. For further information or a community, artisan, or business application, please contact the Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit our website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org/FarmersMarket.cfm](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/FarmersMarket.cfm).

## Skokie Farmers' Market

Visit the "Best on the North Shore" Skokie Farmers' Market held every Sunday beginning June 27 through Sunday, October 31. The market is open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Arrive early for the best selection. The market is conveniently located in the Village Hall parking lot at 5127 Oakton Street.

A selection of locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables are always in abundance at the Farmers' Market. Baked goods, cheeses and various other vendors are an integral part of what makes the Skokie Farmers' Market so unique.

The Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission, hosts the Skokie Farmers' Market. For more information on the Skokie Farmers' Market, contact Terry Oline, Market Master, at 847/933-8224 or visit [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org).

## Village of Skokie Community Blood Drive Held at the Skokie Farmers' Market

The Skokie Health Department, in partnership with LifeSource, will hold a community blood drive at the October 10, 2010 Skokie Farmers' Markets from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. LifeSource's mobile van will be onsite at the market for donors to easily and conveniently donate blood. The goal for these drives is to collect at least 150 donations, and it can only be met with your help. Please consider donating blood to save a life. For each blood drive event, each donor will be put into a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate to restaurants in Downtown Skokie.

You are eligible to donate if you are 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are healthy. The Health Department especially encourages people with O-type blood to donate, as they are "universal donors" whose blood can be used with any other blood type. Each pint of blood donated can help up to three people, and you can donate once every 56 days. If you donate the maximum of six times a year, up to 18 people can benefit.

Blood donations in the Village of Skokie are at a ten year low, with just 323 pints donated from May to December, 2009. This is a 43% decrease from the same time period during 2008, and creates the potential for a regional shortage of blood.

For more information or to schedule a specific appointment time, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

## Metra Union Pacific (UP) North Line Schedule Change

New changes to the Metra Union Pacific (UP) North Line schedule will negatively affect Evanston riders who board Metra trains in the morning at Central Street heading into Chicago. Commuters who use Metra between 7:00-8:00 have lost two options during their morning commute. Existing "temporary" schedules, which began on August 22nd, had four trains stopping during the seven o'clock hour. The trains picked up passengers at Central Street going into Chicago at 7:16, 7:22, 7:30, and 7:53 providing for a variety of times Evanston residents can board trains at Central Street and get to work.

The new schedule, which starts on September 26th, has only two trains stopping at Central Street; one at 7:22 and the other 7:27. This creates an enormous gap between 6:40 and 7:22 of 42 minutes and another 37 minute gap between 7:27 and 8:04. Fewer trains during the high time of rush hour will mean less choice for the residents and over crowded trains.

Metra riders who board the train at Central Street between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 are urged to contact Metra at

[http://metrarail.com/metra/en/home/about\\_metra/contact\\_metra/email\\_metra.html](http://metrarail.com/metra/en/home/about_metra/contact_metra/email_metra.html) or call (312) 322-6777 weekdays between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to express their opinions to Metra about this change in schedule.



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## FALL INTO FUN AT YOUR LOCAL PARK

### Register for a Park District Program this Fall!

Take on a new hobby, refine an artistic craft, or focus on physical fitness by joining a walking club at your neighborhood park this fall. We have a number of awesome activities for individuals of all ages and interests to get active and outside. Registration is currently underway at all park field houses and continues until classes are filled. Exact change is required for all walk-in registrations.

Most fall classes start the week of September 20 and run through December 5, 2010. Programs vary at each location and are a great value for a reasonable fee. You can pick up a fall schedule at your local park or view the complete list of programs on our website [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com). Early registration is recommended: due to limited space.

Chicago Park District program highlights for youth:

#### Kiddie College

#### Brands Park, 3259 N. Elston, 773.478.2414

September 20 – December 5, Monday - Friday

Two times to choose from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
ages 3-5, \$100.

Kiddie college is designed for children who are attending preschool. This fun-filled ½ day class will continue the learning process in a creative atmosphere and lead by a certified Early Childhood Recreation instructor. Circle Time, Arts & Crafts, Fun & Games, Story-time, Fitness and other elements will be woven into this program. Children must be potty trained.

#### Park Kids

#### Revere Park, 2509 W. Irving Park Rd, 773.478.1220

September 7 – December 5, Monday – Friday, 2 – 6pm,

Ages: 6-12, \$175

A fun and safe after-school program created for school-aged children ages 6-12 which incorporate sports, dance, arts & crafts, homework hour, music and much more! A great program for children of working parents!

Chicago Park District program highlights for Adults/Seniors:

#### Eugene Field Park, 5100 N. Ridgeway, 773.478.9744

#### Step Aerobics

September 20 – December 3, Mon., Wed., & Fri., 6:30-7:45pm, \$68

Step classes involve high energy aerobic conditioning utilizing a step platform. Stepping up and down, over and around in this 45-minute class, is a fun, up-beat, fast paced, high energy, step aerobics class for anyone ages 18 and over looking to get a high energy workout. Various step heights are determined by participant's fitness level ranging from the beginner to the advanced. We will also incorporate the stability ball and gym stick.

#### Stained Glass (Advanced class)

September 23 - December 2, Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, \$40

The Advanced class will expand and polish your stained glass skills. Attendance at a beginning class or prior stained glass experience is required. This 10-week course is intended for those wishing to work on unique independent projects. We offer step-by-step instruction on cutting glass, pattern preparation, glass selection, foiling, and soldering, to the final steps of completing your project. Class fee does not include supplies.

#### Stained Glass (Beginner class)

September 23-December 2, Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, \$70

Learn the art of stained glass in this 10-week course. We offer step-by-step instruction on glass cutting techniques, tool usage, copper foil technique, soldering, and finishing your project. Class meets one night a week for ten weeks. We provide the glass and materials.

#### Drawing & Painting

September 23 – December 2, Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, \$24

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# Spook-tacular Shopping

It's that Spooktacular time of the year when all Halloween Festivities are beginning. It seems that with each coming year more and more people are having a bewitching time celebrating Halloween with gory parties, dressing up, and haunting their homes both inside and out.

At the Antique Resale Shoppe, ghosts and goblins of all ages come in for tricks, treats, and vintage clothes to make their costumes a bit more unique. There are plenty of "dress-up" items from hats, gloves, eyeglasses to beaded sweaters, circle skirts, and army fatigues. And we can't forget the tons and tons of jewelry and accessories that can make a costume bootiful. Suzanna and Jules enjoy looking into their crystal ball for costume advice.

When you ride your broom over don't forget to say, Boo!  
Suzanne and Jules, The Antique & Resale Shoppe, 7214 N. Harlem, Chicago, IL 773/631-1151.

## KILBOURN PARK ORGANIC GREENHOUSE FALL 2010 ORGANIC GARDEN SERIES

Discover the wonderful world of nature! Spark your curiosity and explore the fun & educational offerings at Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse, 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., the Chicago Park District's only park with a teaching organic greenhouse. The 2010 fall series is designed for adults 18 & over. Register for winter programs in-person at the park.

#### Growing Organic Vegetables in Your Own Backyard

Jeanne Pinosof Nolan, the Organic Gardener; Saturday, September 18 from 10 am – Noon; Class fee: \$20

Are you interested in the satisfaction of growing your own food? Come learn the basic principles of organic gardening with Jeanne Pinosof Nolan. If you are a novice, this class will provide a start at giving yourself and your kids the very real and rewarding experience of growing your own food. For the more experienced gardener, get advice on organic gardening techniques and soil improvement. We'll talk about what to grow, when to plant, proper garden maintenance, fall harvesting and clean-up and how to ensure that your vegetable garden flourishes all season long!

#### Introduction to Beekeeping in the City

Robert Lee, Chicago Master Gardener; Saturday, September 25 from 10 am – Noon; Class fee: \$20

Urban Beekeeping is a fun hobby with challenges and rewards. In this class you will: receive an overview of beekeeping in the city, handle hive components, taste local honey, have an opportunity to ask questions, receive a list of contacts for additional local beekeeping classes, and beekeeping groups.

#### Extending the Growing Season: Techniques for growing cool weather plants

Andy Rozendaal, Resource Center City Farm; Saturday, October 2 from 10 am – Noon; Class fee: \$20

Learn with the farmers from the Resource Center City Farm about what they do to extend the growing seasons for the Chicago area. City Farm has been selling produce to restaurants almost year-round using some basic supplies and techniques. The City Farm staff will share different techniques, what plants do better in colder weather and how to use simple resources to do accomplish your goals.

#### Indoor Composting

Urban Worm Girl; Saturday, October 9 from 10 am – Noon; Class Fee: \$20

Learn about the benefits of composting your food scraps and paper waste using different methods of indoor composting, including vermicomposting and Bokashi. Urban Worm Girl will teach you how these simple, clean, and odorless methods of composting can be done in your house, condo, or apartment. Plus, you'll learn some amazing facts about earthworms while you're there!

#### Organic Oyster Mushroom Cultivation

Robert Lee, Chicago Master Gardener; Saturday, October 23 from 10 am - Noon; Class fee: \$20

Gardening in your basement, or in a pile of wood chips? Sure!

Edible gourmet mushrooms can be grown by most anyone with a desire to do so. In this class you'll learn how to get started growing mushrooms that are healthy and delicious: in your home, basement, garage, or in a pile of wood mulch in your back yard. Mushrooms turn wood and straw into food and compost.

#### Growing Microgreens in your home

Bill Shores, Shores Garden Consulting, Inc; Saturday, October 30 from 10:00 am – Noon; Fee: \$20

Grow organic salad greens at home, whether you have garden space or not! Professional gardener Bill Shores has grown specialty greens for over 10 years and currently manages chef Rick Bayless' urban garden. Microgreens are delicious, nutritious, space-efficient, young and tender, leafy greens. Bill will demonstrate how to plant the seeds in growing trays and discuss growing, maintenance and harvesting techniques suited to indoor or outdoor growing in small spaces.

Kilbourn Park is located at 3501 N. Kilbourn Ave., just west of Milwaukee Ave., and Addison St. in Chicago. Questions call Kirsten Akre at 773.685.3359 or [kirsten.akre@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:kirsten.akre@chicagoparkdistrict.com).



# CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN AT CHICAGO PARKS

## Festivities Include Haunted Houses, Pumpkin Patches, Movies & More



The Chicago Park District and Walgreens host dozens of Halloween events this fall in the parks. Offerings include several haunted houses, numerous pumpkin patches, movie screenings, a party for dogs and much more. Click here for the full listing of Halloween events or call 312-742-PLAY.

Halloween highlights this fall include:

### Pumpkin Patches & Halloween Parties

Oct. 9-30, Various parks; All ages, entrance fees vary from free to nominal; Nominal fees may apply for on-site activities  
Fall pumpkin patches throughout the city features a selection of all shapes and sizes and decorating stations. Some pumpkin patches and Halloween parties include a petting zoo, hayride, pony ride, inflatables, games and a chance to take a photo at the harvest photo station. Visit the website for a schedule or call 312-742-PLAY.

### Halloween Special Festival

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 16-17, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison St., 773-478-2889; All ages; Admission free; nominal fees for activities

Children can pick a pumpkin in the outdoor patch, enjoy the petting zoo, pony rides, and inflatables. Additionally, an indoor, no-scare maze features costumed cartoon characters.

### Haunted Indoor Drive-In Movie Series

Wicker Park, 1425 N. Damen Ave., 312-742-7553; Admission \$2 to each screening includes popcorn  
Enjoy screenings inside the field house.  
Thursday, Oct. 21, Men in Black (PG-13), 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 23, It Came from Outer Space (G), 2 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 23, Men in Black II (PG-13), at 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 24, It Came from Outer Space (G), 2 p.m.

### Trails of Terror

Oct. 22-23 & 29-31, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Peterson Park, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., 312-742-7584; Recommended for ages 8 and up; free parking available; Admission \$10

## Lincolnwood Centennial Celebration Planning Begins

The Village incorporated as Tessville on September 29, 1911. In 2011, the Village will celebrate the 100-year anniversary of our incorporation. To commemorate this historic occasion the Village has formed a Centennial Celebration Committee to plan events and activities. These events and activities are designed to promote awareness of the Village's rich history, foster goodwill, pride, and unity within the community and provide residents with an opportunity to celebrate the incorporation of the Village. The first events that will commemorate this occasion are a Centennial Celebration Logo Design contest and Pole Banner Art Design contest.

### Centennial Celebration Logo Design Contest

The Village is seeking graphic designers to submit their artistic renderings of a centennial celebration logo to be considered as the official centennial logo. To participate, submit your artwork in JPEG format to Richard Quattrocci, Communications Manager, at rquattrocci@lwd.org by October 1, 2010. The winner of this contest will have their logo displayed in the Connections Newsletter, promotional pieces, and other commemorative items.

The winner of this contest will also receive a 2011 family pool pass to the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center. This contest is open to residents and non-residents. For design requirements and specifics regarding this contest visit the Village's website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org) or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740.

### Centennial Celebration Pole Banner Art Design Contest

The Village is looking for art designs, from artists of all levels, that will memorialize the Village's 100-year anniversary. The winning design will be placed on light pole banners hung on street lights within the Village throughout 2011. To participate, submit your artwork entry in JPEG format to Ashley Engelmann, Public Works Management Analyst, at [aengelmann@lwd.org](mailto:aengelmann@lwd.org) by October 4, 2010. For design requirements and specifics regarding this contest visit the Village's website at [www.lincolnwoodil.org](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org) or contact the Public Works Department at (847) 675-0888.

The committee is also planning many other events and promotions. If you would like to discover more about upcoming Centennial Celebration events please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 or visit [www.lincolnwoodil.org/RecreationUpcomingEvents.cfm](http://www.lincolnwoodil.org/RecreationUpcomingEvents.cfm).

Wind your way through nearly one-half mile of spine-tingling terror in the woods crawling with creepy characters.

### Family and Teen Haunted Indoor Drive-In Movie Series

Thursday, Oct. 28, Casper at 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 29, Twilight at 6:30 p.m.; Margate Park, 4921 N. Marine Dr., 312-742-7522; Admission \$5 to each screening  
Families can enjoy Casper (PG) and teens can enjoy Twilight (PG-13). Admission includes a hot dog, beverage and popcorn.

### Doggie PUPkin Party

Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. – noon; Brands Park, 3259 N. Elston Ave., 773-478-2414; Admission \$5 per dog; The event will be held rain or shine.

Halloween has gone to the dogs at this event that is open to all size pups. Owners and dogs are encouraged to come dressed up in their favorite costumes. Activities include a doggie parade, photos with the owner and dog that can be purchased from the photographer, doggie/owner look-a-like contest, art project, drawings and give-a-ways. The local pet businesses will set up tables and offer goods and services for dogs.

### Creatures of the Night

Saturday, Oct. 30, 12-3 p.m.; Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave., 312-746-5100; All ages; \$3 per person, children 3 and under free

Night-time creatures, like fruit bats, spiders, owls, and more, make a rare daytime greenhouse appearance.

### Scary Skate

Sunday, Oct. 31, 4:30-6 p.m.; McFetridge Sports Center Ice Rink in California Park, 3843 N. California Ave., 773-478-2609; Admission for ages 13 and up \$5; ages 12 and under \$4

Wear a costume for free admission; ice skate rental available  
Work off Halloween candy calories with some ice skating.





## Begins September 23

## Connect with Nature Right Here in the City! Chicago Park District's 2010 Fall Nature Oasis Program Calendar Events

The Nature Oasis program was created to give Chicagoans of all ages the opportunity to experience the wonder of nature in the city through seasonal nature-based activities for families.

"We are thrilled with the continued interest and enthusiasm Chicago area families have for learning about our environment and participating in our programs," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent Timothy J. Mitchell. "Nature Oasis has been a very successful program, and we hope that we can continue to grow and reach out to more families across the city."

Connect with nature right here in the City of Chicago with the following nature programs and events:

### Bird Walk

Saturday, Oct. 9; 9 - 11 a.m. Montrose Harbor/Magic Hedge, 4400 N Montrose Ave  
Chicago is a unique and popular bird migration route for many species traveling south for the winter. Come check out Jackson Park's Wooded Island, a portion of the Chicago Region Birding Trail, and add a few species to your life list! Free. No registration required.

### Cauldrons and Campfires

Tuesday, Oct. 26; 6 - 8 p.m. Gompers Park, 4222 W. Foster Ave.  
Wednesday, Oct. 27; 6 - 8 p.m. Winnemac Park, 5100 B, Leavitt St.  
Celebrate all the spooky things nature has to hold during our Halloween themed evenings. Meet live creatures of the night, share ghost stories around a campfire and enjoy creepy crafts. All ages, free, no registration required. Questions, please call 312.742.5039.

### Stargazing

Wednesday, Nov. 17; 7 p.m.  
Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Ave.  
Come stargazing with us during the peak of the Leonids Meteor Shower!  
Let the Chicago Astronomer show you the moon, Jupiter, Uranus and maybe Neptune. Learn stargazing tips, constellations and enjoy the beauty of the night sky all while enjoying the parks! Questions, please call 312.742.5039

# Public Libraries

**EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
1703 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL  
847-448-8600

This fall, the Evanston Public Library presents a series of programs related to mental and physical well-being for children and teens. All programs take place in the Main Library Community Meeting Room, 1703 Orrington Avenue in Evanston.  
**Full Signal Screening and Discussion, Saturday, October 23, 2:00 p.m.**

Is your teen or pre-teen wedded to a cell phone? You may want to consider the possible health risks of cellular technology. Full Signal, an award winning documentary by former CBS News producer Talal Jabari, addresses the issue of cell phone proliferation and the effect on developing brains. Through interviews with scientists, lawmakers, lawyers, veteran journalists, and activists, this film both augments and helps to clarify the often confusing news reports on this topic.

## September is Library Sign-up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Evanston Public Library wants to make sure that all children in Evanston have the smartest card of all – a library card.

Public library programming and books for children make a difference in the lives of students. By providing school-age children with engaging programs and amazing collections, students from all backgrounds become excited and enthusiastic readers.

Getting a library card is easy. To get a card, present the following at any of our three library locations:

- \* Picture ID (Driver's License, Passport, School or State ID);
- \* Proof of current Evanston address if not already on the picture ID (Utility bill, lease, bank statement); and
- \* Start using your Library Card today!

For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the Evanston Public Library at one of its three locations: Main- 1703 Orrington Avenue 847/448-8600; North Branch- 2026 Central Street 847/866-0330; or South Branch- 949 Chicago Avenue 847/-866-0333 or visit the library online at [www.epl.org](http://www.epl.org).

**RODEN BRANCH**  
6083 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631  
312-744-1478

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Roden Branch of the Chicago Public Library will be hosting an exhibit of artwork by Cuban artist Hector Frank.  
Wednesday, September 15, 2010 through October 15, 2010.

**LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, IL  
847-677-5277

**Morning Matinees.** Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 7: "Whip It"; Oct. 14: "Cop Out."

**Friday Films** shown weekly at 1 p.m. Oct. 8: "The Road"; Oct. 15: "My Name is Khan."

**Humanities Treasures.** This free discussion group meets Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Library to explore current events and selected readings. Humanities Treasures is affiliated with the Oakton Community College Emeritus Program.

**Monday Kid Flicks.** Mondays, 3:30 p.m. Oct. 4: "City of Ember."

**Teen Booktalkers.** Oct. 7, 7 p.m. Kids in grades 6 and up are invited to check out hot releases, recommend favorites, create displays, and more! Register with Lincolnwood Library's Youth & Teen Services Department: 847-677-5277 x234 or [youth-services@lincolnwoodlibrary.org](mailto:youth-services@lincolnwoodlibrary.org).

**EDGEBROOK BRANCH**  
5331 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago, IL 60646  
(312) 744-8313

In celebration of **Polish American Heritage** month the library hosts a slide program and lecture, The Art and Architecture of Gdansk, on Monday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Paula Wisotzki, Associate Professor of Art History at Loyola University, lectures on the history of the art and architecture of Gdansk, Poland (previously known as Danzig) and the influence of the Hanseatic League's merchants in the cultural history of this port city. Among the highlights of her slide presentation is a discussion of the famous altarpiece of the "Last Judgment Triptych" by Hans Memling.

**Mother Goose on the Loose**, a fun-filled, interactive program featuring simple picture books, nursery rhymes, puppets, musical instruments and movement for children ages 3 months to 2 years old, will meet on Thursdays, September 30th through November 11th from 10:30-11:15 a.m. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Tweens in grades 4-8 are invited to join the **Tween Book Club**. They will discuss *The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn* by Dorothy Hoobler on Thursday, October 14th at 3:30 p.m. You can pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk or order one online. To register, or for more information, please call 312.744.8313.

**AUSTIN-IRVING BRANCH**  
6100 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL  
312-744-6222

**DON'T PAY THE COLLEGE STICKER PRICE!** Wednesday, September 29, 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this free program presented by Joseph Orsilini, a college planning expert and certified financial planner. In this enlightening program, families and students will be taught how to reduce the exorbitant costs of college. Throughout the presentation, the focus will be on strategies to help families and students maximize need-based financial aid eligibility, targeting the right colleges for merit-based financial aid, and exploiting tax-saving opportunities.

**IN CELEBRATION OF POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** Saturday, October 2, 2010 2 P.M. Please join us for this free program co-sponsored by the Northwest Chicago Historical Society. Joseph W. Zurawski, author of *Polish Chicago: Our History, Our Recipes* will discuss his book, which documents the full dramatic saga of Chicago's Polonia. Polish Chicago tells the story of Chicago's Polish community through many rare historical photographs and family recipes that have been handed down through the generations. A book signing will follow the program and copies will be available for purchase.

**AUTHOR APPEARANCE AND BOOK TALK** Wednesday, October 13, 2010 6:30pm Please join us as we welcome acclaimed journalist and best-selling author Jonathan Eig. Based on never-before-seen government documents and newly discovered letters written by Al Capone himself, *Get Capone* presents America's greatest gangster as you've never seen him before.

**EISENHOWER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
4613 N Oketo, Harwood Heights, IL 60706  
(708) 867-7828

**Classic Films** continue at Eisenhower: *I Am A Fugitive from a Chain Gang* with Paul Muni and Glenda Farrell on October 14. Discussions with Ralph J Amelio. Free popcorn at all movies! All films begin at 1 p.m.

**Walking Tour of Rosehill Cemetery** With its grand entrance gate and buildings designed by W.W. Boyington, Rosehill is the final resting place of Chicago's commercial, artistic, and political leaders—both famous and obscure. The ornate art glass windows of its mausoleum are among Chicago's hidden treasures. Friday, October 8, 11:30-3:30. \$22.00

**The Haunting: the Unique, Scary Suspense Show** An evening of supernatural theater where the ghost stories are so frighteningly real, the only relief is to scream! Ages 13 and up. Monday, October 11, 7-8 p.m. Free.

**Financial Planning for Retirement in Today's Uncertain Economy** Pre-retirement planning, investments, wills and trusts, insurance planning (life and long-term care primarily). Plan to attend one of the following free lectures. Wednesday, October 13, 10-12:30 (lunch will be served) OR Wednesday, October 20, 6:30-8:45 OR Wednesday, October 27, 10-12:30 (lunch will be served). Free



Learn the importance of taking care of Mother Earth at this natureconnections program presented at a Chicago Public Library location near you:

Brian "Fox" Ellis presents  
*Many Lands: One Planet,*  
an ecological storytelling program.

This program will be presented at various Chicago Public Library locations throughout September, October and November. For details, visit [chipublib.org](http://chipublib.org) or call (312) 747-4780.

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Where: 1613 North Mohawk, Chicago, Illinois 60614

What: Come talk to a Tomacor home inspector and Illinois Inspector Training Institute instructor about the home inspection career and our pre-licensing course. Get all of your questions answered and register for the class.

If you are unable to attend the open house we would still like to speak with you! Call into the office at 312.475.0835 or email inspection@tomacor.com to schedule a phone conversation with one of our inspectors/instructors.

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### Interview Clinic at Eisenhower Public Library

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If you know you've got the skills to do the job, but aren't confident you can convince the interviewer, then this workshop is for you.

Saturday, October 16, 1-3:30 p.m. Free. Call (708) 867-7828 to register or go to [www.eisenhowerlibrary.org](http://www.eisenhowerlibrary.org) for more information.

### STUDIO OF DANCE AND DRAMA OFFERS INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

Learn to improve how you impress a potential employer at a new "Job Interview Workshop" being offered in October by the Studio of Dance and Drama on Chicago's Northwest Side. The workshop will be offered from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Studio, 6126 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. The fee is \$95. Advanced registration is required by calling (773) 631-7373; space is limited to six. Workshop leader Ron Denham, experienced in business hiring and in acting and directing, will help participants with exercises in movement and voice, practice interviews and self evaluation to develop a confident, effective first impression in their job hunting efforts.

# Local Arts and Entertainment

## Ravenswood ArtWalk Expects Biggest Year Ever - 300 Artists Showing

Oct. 2 and 3, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During a time when a number of Chicago art walks are folding, the Ravenswood ArtWalk is stronger than ever. More than 300 artists will show their work at the 9th annual ArtWalk and the "Tour of Arts & Industry." It kicks off with an opening reception on Oct. 1 and then runs Oct. 2 and 3 along the Ravenswood Corridor in the North Center and Ravenswood neighborhoods.

"We're excited to see the unparalleled growth of the Ravenswood ArtWalk. Our neighborhood event is now one of the premier art walks in the city. We're proud to showcase such a diverse group of artists and businesses in our historic Ravenswood Corridor," said Alderman Gene Schuster, 47th Ward.

The ArtWalk is free, thanks to support from dozens of neighborhood businesses and a strong donor base. Besides featuring the work of more than 300 visual artists, it also includes music, food vendors, kids activities and a live graffiti wall.

"There's something for everyone, and the event is free. Step for step, it's the best artistic value in the city," said Laura Engel, President RAW.

For more information on ArtWalk and the "Tour of Arts & Industry" call 773-883-8858 or visit ArtWalk's website at [www.ravenswoodartwalk.org](http://www.ravenswoodartwalk.org). Become a fan of ArtWalk on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @RAWchicago.

## SKOKIE ART GUILD

### Skokie Art Guild Live Model Figure Drawing Workshops

Figure Drawing Workshop Sessions resumed Sept. 9 and meet as follows:

Thursdays - 7:00 PM - 9:45 PM

Saturdays - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\* Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, IL 60076

[www.skokieartguild.org](http://www.skokieartguild.org) Members: \$12.00 / Non-Members: \$20.00

### SKOKIE ART GUILD Demonstration

Artist, Sandra Reibschid shares technique in METAL CLAY

New Medium for Miniature Jewelry

7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Skokie Library, 5215 Oakton St., Radmacher room

All are welcome

## FREE BIG BAND CONCERT HONORS GLENN MILLER AND THE ANDREWS SISTERS AT PRITZKER AUDITORIUM

The Barristers Big Band of The Chicago Bar Association presents a free concert featuring the music of the Glenn Miller

Band at 6 p.m., Friday, October 8 at the Pritzker Auditorium of the Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State Street, Chicago. Enter on S. Plymouth Court (one block west).

Let the Barristers Big Band ("BBB") transport you back to 1942 with a tribute concert to Glenn Miller and the Andrews Sisters. Did you know the first gold record was awarded to the Glenn Miller band for Chattanooga Choo Choo? Hear the Barristers Big Band recreate Miller's famous gold record arrangement of the song.

The Andrews Sisters were the most sought after singers during World War II and played for GIs everywhere. Their hits include Bie Mir Bist Du Schoen. The BBB's own Andrews Sisters will sing Bie Mir and many other huge hits, including Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, Straighten Up and Fly Right and more.

The band will recreate the Glenn Miller "sound" and bring you hits from Miller's civilian band, including American Patrol, Sun Valley Jump, The Nearness of You, I Know Why and So Do You (from the movie Sun Valley Serenade), Tuxedo Junction and St. Louis Blues March. The Band will also play the "hot" music from Glenn Miller's famous Army Air Force band, including Tail End Charlie, Mission to Moscow, and Caribbean Clipper.

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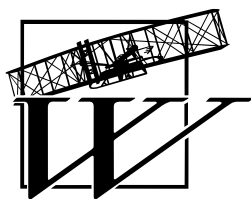
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# Local Arts and Entertainment



## Beatles Tribute Concert on Wright Garage Rooftop

America's top Beatles tribute band will perform on the rooftop of the Wilbur Wright College parking garage, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., in a unique outdoor concert experience at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1.

The band, American English, will perform on the parking garage's top level, giving concert-goers a panoramic view of the area. Presented by the Wright College History Club, the show is reminiscent of the Beatles 1969 rooftop concert in London, which was the band's final live performance.

Tickets are \$12 for adults in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets for ages 10 to 16 are \$7. Admission is free for 9 and under. Refreshments will be available. Fans are welcome to bring their own chairs. For advance tickets, call (773) 481-8481 or e-mail [jzenes@ccc.edu](mailto:jzenes@ccc.edu).

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- September 29 at 1:30pm Marcus Gentry's STAND BY ME (Fifties Songbook)
- October 1 at 8:00pm Roxy Bellows: Live in Concert
- October 2 at 8:00pm "BROOKS SINGS BARBRA": A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FOR THE SKOKIE THEATRE
- October 3 at 2:00pm Laura Freeman in The Hills are Alive with the Sound of Julie
- October 3 at 7:00pm Heather Moran in "Rosie! A Tribute..."
- October 6 at 1:30pm Tony Bernard's NEW AMERICAN SONGBOOK
- October 8 at 8:00pm The Edge Comedy Club
- October 9 at 8:00pm AN EVENING WITH AWARD WINNING CABARET ARTISTS SUZANNE PETRI AND BOB MOREEN
- October 10 at 2:00pm Ester Hana
- October 10 at 7:00pm Janet Redstone in "You're the Top: An Evening of Cole Porter"
- October 13 at 1:30pm Jack Miuccio's CROONERS OF HOLLYWOOD
- October 15 at 8:00pm Doyle Dykes
- October 16 at 8:00pm BENEFIT: The Best of Three Cat Productions at the Skokie Theatre

## West Ridge "Passion for Fashion" October 12th

Indulge yourself or start your holiday shopping early! The West Ridge Chamber of Commerce and the Holiday Inn North Shore invite you to attend A Passion for Fashion: Products and Services for Your Outer and Inner Beauty on Tuesday, October 12, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn North, 5300 W. Touhy, Skokie, IL. Artists and craftspersons will be selling their unique items, including jewelry, hats, purses, belly dance ensembles, saris, tunic tips, eyebrow threading and more! Admission is \$5. Refreshments, free parking and an ATM machine for your convenience are available. For more information, contact Amie at 773-743-6022 or [www.westridgechamber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:www.westridgechamber@sbcglobal.net).

## Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre Launches New Acting Classes

No matter your age, gender or physical ability level, you can improve your acting skills in Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre's new acting classes! All classes will be held at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St. and class size is limited.

The "Act-ive Imagination" class for children age 5- to 8-years-old will encourage them to imagine themselves as anything and anyone they want to be. Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre staff will encourage children to use the creative spirit they bring to the stage. Classes meet from 9:30-10:45 a.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 25-Nov. 13. The fee is \$50/Evanston resident; \$55/nonresident.

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre's "Acting Classes for Women" was designed BY women FOR women age 18 and older. Participants will explore improvisational acting techniques, while challenging themselves with Shakespeare's leading female characters. Actors also will investigate and play the roles of modern women written by some of today's amazing female playwrights. Classes meet from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 25-Nov. 13. The fee is \$50/resident; \$75/nonresident.

Adults with physical challenges are invited to spread their acting wings and take flight after enrolling in Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre's new, supportive class. "Beginning Acting Classes for Adults with Physical Disabilities" will focus on monologue and scene work from classical and contemporary plays, along with improvisational acting techniques. Classes meet from 12:30-1:45 p.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 25-Nov. 13. The fee is \$50/resident; \$60/nonres.

A fun and intense 8-week acting workshop is available for Evanston adults who are interested in pursuing their dream of a life in theatre. An interview with the theatre's Artistic Director, Tim Rhoze, is required prior to acceptance. The workshops will focus on scene and character study, as well as monologue and audition techniques. The sessions will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. on Mondays, Sept. 27-Nov. 15. To receive free tuition, participants must show proof of Evanston residency; the non-resident fee is \$100.

If you have questions or would like to register, please call 847-448-8254 and ask for the theatre. Fee assistance is available to qualified Evanston residents.

## DOG & PONY THEATRE COMPANY'S 7TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON KICKS OFF WITH THE MIDWEST PREMIERE OF AUCTIONING THE AINSLEYS

Runs Nov. 12 - Dec. 18 at The Building Stage

Dog & Pony Theatre Company continues its commitment to producing new works in its seventh anniversary season with the Midwest premiere of Auctioning the Ainsleys by Laura Schellhardt and directed by artistic associate Dan Stermer at The Building Stage, 412 N. Carpenter St.

Dog & Pony's seventh season continues in spring 2011 at The Building Stage May 6- June 8 with the Midwest premiere of Roadkill Confidential by Sheila Callaghan and directed by associate artistic director Devon de Mayo. Roadkill Confidential will mark the third play by artistic associate Callaghan produced by Dog & Pony.

Preview performances for Auctioning the Ainsleys are Tuesday - Thursday, Nov. 9-11. Regular run is Nov. 12 - Dec. 18. Press is invited to attend opening night Friday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Performances are Thursdays - Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. There is no performance on Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 25. There is an added performance Saturday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 for students and seniors. All previews plus Thursday and Sunday performances are pay-what-you-can. For tickets, call Dog & Pony at 773-360-7933 or visit [www.dogandponychicago.org](http://www.dogandponychicago.org).

Auctioning the Ainsleys is a fresh new dramatic comedy about a family of Midwest auctioneers. The play follows the story of Alice Ainsley and her dysfunctional relationship with her four children: Avery, Annalee, Amelia, and Aiden. The matriarch clings to the objects in her home and the memories they hold in hopes of retaining her family history as her life fades before her. With the help of Arthur, the hired aide, the mysterious and agoraphobic world of the Ainsleys springs to life in this play about people and the objects that own them.

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# “A Theater Review”

*“The Invasion of Skokie”*

*Chicago Dramatists*

*1105 West Chicago Avenue*

*Chicago, Illinois*

*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

Network Playwright Steven Peterson is having the world premiere of “The Invasion of Skokie” at the Chicago Dramatists Playwrights Theatre and I found the two hours well worth going to see.

As billed it is a warm-hearted drama that can hit close to many homes but it also has a lot of humor.

While the show takes place in 1978 in the summertime and deals with the neo-Nazis March on Skokie, Illinois, after winning their U.S. Supreme Court case there is also more to this play as it unfolds.

One might ask “Why Skokie?” because the city is made up of many Jewish families including many Holocaust survivors.

While the March on Skokie is the background for the story, it deals with a Jewish family – the Kaplans – and their life-changing personal issues.

The show has a cast of five actors of which three are equity. Morry Kaplan is played by Mick Weber who acts as head of the household. Cindy Gold as Sylvia Kaplan is really strong in her role as Morry’s wife whose mission is to keep peace and her husband safe. The Kaplan’s daughter Debbie is played by Tracey Kaplan. Michael Joseph Mitchell has the role of Charlie Lindal who is a friend of the family and Morry’s pal.

At the synagogue the Kaplan Family belongs to, Morry meets and develops a friendship with young Charlie Lindal played by Bradford R. Lund who is non-Jewish and works for the temple on the days of their Sabbath. We find out that their daughter Debbie and Charlie fall in love and plan to marry.

Can Morry accept this? Will Debbie and Charlie marry? What happens when Morry attends the March with a rifle and Charlie? Does Morry want to lose the love of his daughter? How does Morry’s wife Sylvia feel about both situations? It’s a must to see this play to find out the answers to these questions.

The playwright is not Jewish but that doesn’t matter. Richard Perez, the director, has assembled an excellent cast and his direction is perfect.

“The Invasion of Skokie” runs through October 10th. Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$35. Street parking is available. For reservations call 312-633-0630 or visit [chicago-dramatists.org](http://chicago-dramatists.org).

**-Three Stars-**

*“Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn”*

*Bo Ho Theatre Ensemble At Theatre Wit*

*1229 West Belmont Ave*

*Reviewed by Richard Allen Eisenhardt*

The Bo Ho Theatre has finally settled into a space in the Theatre Wit Building. Their first offering is “Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” a musical adaptation of Mark Twain’s 1884 novel “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.”

The Bo Ho Theatre Ensemble has discovered a bright young newcomer to the Chicago scene who comes from a talented family of actors and his name is Andrew Mueller as Huck Finn. Andrew has two sisters who will be appearing on Chicago stages in “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” and “She Loves Me.” Andrew’s father gave a tour-de-force in Time Line Theatre’s production of “All My Sons” in 2009.

P. Marston Sullivan is the outstanding director of the show that has the songs written by eighty-six year old Roger Miller with a book by William Hauptman.

The musical numbers are a mixture of bluegrass, Gospel, Jazz, blues, hymns and even a touch of vaudeville.

There are strong performances by Bryan-Alwyn Newland as the runaway Slave Jim.

Courtney Crouse has the role of Tom Sawyer another character made famous in Twain’s novels.

Sean Thomas is perfectly cast as Pap Finn who is an illiterate alcoholic and along Mike Tepeli and John B. Leen as Duke and King make for perfect scoundrels.

Others in the cast are Christa Buck, Anna Hammonds, Rashada Downs and James Williams.

Miller’s songs include “Muddy Waters,” “Guv’ment” and “Free at Last” to name a few.

You’ll be hearing a lot from several in the cast but a new star is born in Andrew Mueller so go check him and this production out. Sail the Mississippi on a raft and enjoy the actors playing musical instruments.

I was very impressed seeing my first Bo Ho Theatre production.

“Big River” runs through October 10th. For performance days, show times, and reservations call 773-975-8150. Tickets are \$25.

**-Four Stars-**

## ROXY IN CONCERT: CABARET SENSATION TAKES THE STAGE AT THE SKOKIE THEATRE

Following her dynamic performances this summer, legendary cabaret performer Roxy Bellows once again appears in concert. The performance will be at the Skokie Theatre Music Foundation on October 1st, 2010 at 8pm.

“Roxy Bellows: Live in Concert” brings high-octane entertainer Roxy Bellows’ outrageous comedy and improvised music stylings to the concert stage. Roxy uses her amazing voice, quick wit, and audience interaction to create a one-of-a-kind entertainment experience.

Performers include Patricia Musker as Roxy Bellows and Larry Rothbard on piano. The director is Martin Musker.

“Roxy in Concert” will be on October 1st, 8pm at the Skokie Music Theatre Foundation. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets can be ordered online at [skokietheatre.com](http://skokietheatre.com) or over the phone at 847-677-7761.

## NILES WEST THEATER PRESENTS TWO DRAMAS PERFORMED IN REPERTORY FOR TWO WEEKS

The Niles West Theater Department opens the 2010-11 season with two dramas performed in repertory. From September 30 to October 8, “Rabbit Hole” and “Steel Magnolias”, two entirely different plays, will be presented with a complete change of sets, costumes, and lighting. Niles West will perform “Rabbit Hole” and “Steel Magnolias” on alternate days. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students, senior citizens and children (12 and under). Call the Box Office at (847) 626-2633. Niles West High School is located at 5701 Oakton, Skokie.

“Rabbit Hole” will be performed in the Niles West Auditorium: 10 a.m., Thursday, September 30 (free community performance); 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday, October 1 and 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 9. “Rabbit Hole”, the winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, is the story about Becca and Howie Corbett, who have everything a family could want, until a life-shattering accident turns their world upside down and leaves the couple drifting perilously apart. This production contains language and subject matter that may be unsuitable for young viewers.

“Steel Magnolias” will be performed in the Niles West Black Box Theatre: 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 2; 10 a.m., Thursday, October 7 (free community performance); and 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Friday October 8. “Steel Magnolias” is set in Truvy’s beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana where anybody who is anybody comes to have her hair done. If you love the film version of this classic comedy/drama, you won’t want to miss the stage version.

## John Hancock Observatory Announces Plans for State-of-the-Art “Ice” Rink More Than 1000 Feet Up

Against a fairytale background of endless sky and water, officials of John Hancock Observatory today announced plans for the world’s highest skating rink to open in January 2011 on the 94th floor of one of Chicago’s most legendary landmarks. The rink, which will be approximately 50 feet by 20 feet and constructed of a state-of-the-art synthetic substance called XTRAIICE, will be more than 1,000 feet above The Magnificent Mile, and will overlook sky-high views of the city’s lakefront skyline and bustling Lake Shore Drive.

The Observatory will rent skates at the rink and will also offer private skating parties (for inquiries call Andrew Apa at (312) 654-5021). Bleachers will be constructed to allow families and friends to watch skaters against the skyline background of Lake Michigan and Lake Shore Drive.

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# Calculating Your Financial Wealth



There are many financial and non-financial reasons to know your net worth. Estate planning is one of those important times when knowing your net worth is essential. When you plan your estate, your attorney needs to have an idea of your financial assets in order to design a plan that achieves your goals and preserves your assets for your family and loved ones. This article provides 3 simple steps to assist you with calculating the financial value of your assets.

**Chester M. Przybylo** You are worth much more than your financial wealth. Your lifetime of wealth includes the sum of your experiences, knowledge, values, and moral guidance, as well as your accumulated financial wealth. But financial wealth is important in many ways. When you apply for a mortgage or car loan, the bank wants to know about your financial situation, not your life experiences. Similarly, your family will need your financial wealth to pay bills in your absence. You are taxed on your financial wealth, not your life experiences. When you plan your estate, your estate-planning attorney needs to have an idea of your financial assets in order to draft a plan that achieves your goals.

For these and other reasons, it is important to calculate your net worth periodically. While this may sound like a daunting task it really is quite simple.

**Step 1** Add up the value of your assets. Start with your most valuable assets, like your house, vacation or rental real estate, or businesses. Next, add the value of any significant tangible assets, such as your cars, boats, airplanes, tractors, equipment, etc. Add in the value of any Intangible assets, like bank accounts, stocks, bonds, CDs, etc. Now, add in the value of your retirement accounts, like IRAs and 401(k)s. Note, retirement accounts often are not considered for financing purposes. If the calculation is being used for financing purposes during your lifetime, add in the cash or surrender value of any life insurance policies you may own. If the calculation is being made for estate tax projection purposes, add in the value of the death benefit of insurance policies on your life which you own. Finally, add in the value of any significant antiques, artwork, jewelry, or other miscellaneous items.

**Step 2** Add up your total liabilities. These would include any mortgages, car loans, loans against your life insurance, and other loans. Finally, add in any other money which you owe to someone else. These are your total liabilities.

**Step 3** Subtract your total liabilities from your total assets. This is your net worth. It's that simple!

Periodically, you should revisit this calculation to assess your financial progress. It's important to know where you stand so that you can plan to reach your future goals. For example, it might help to determine if you can afford to take that big vacation, purchase that new car, or need more insurance.

If your net worth is greater than \$1 million, you may face an estate tax at your death. A qualified estate planning attorney can help you minimize those taxes and help you achieve your goals, and ensure your family is taken care of even after you're gone.

*Chester M. Przybylo has been elected to the Board of Governors of the prestigious American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525.*

## NEW MONEY SMART WEALTH FITNESS PROGRAM SERIES

We are living in uncertain times. Are you prepared? This and other important fiscal responsibility questions will be answered, as the Chicago Public Library and the University of Illinois Extension partner to present Money Smart Wealth Fitness Series. The new "money management" series, sponsored by the Office of the City Treasurer, Stephanie D. Neely, is designed to provide valuable information on managing personal finances to meet today's economic challenges. The program series will take place at selected branches of the Chicago Public Library during October and November.

**Getting Through Tough Financial Times** Hone your skills in budgeting and debt management to help you survive the current economic crunch. This workshop will give tips for reducing spending, prioritizing debt, contacting creditors and paying down debt.

*Tuesday, October 5 at 11:00 a.m.* Bessie Coleman Branch, 731 E. 63rd St., (312) 747-7760

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**Maximizing Social Security Benefits** Social Security is probably one of your most valuable retirement assets. How and when you claim your benefits are important decisions, especially for surviving spouses, those who work past age 62, and for married couples who must coordinate two benefits. Government pensions can also affect Social Security benefits. Come and hear the latest rules and planning strategies to help you get the most out of your Social Security benefits.

*Tuesday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m.* Humboldt Park Branch, 1605 N. Troy St., (312) 744-2244

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## Evanston's Levy Center Events

**Take care of your health.** From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8, Levy is offering flu shots (free with Medicare part B), free hearing screenings, and free vision screenings. For more information or to make an appointment, call 847-448-8250.

**Keep up with friends and family over the Internet!** This October, the Levy Center has several terrific courses available to help you become more comfortable with new computer programs. The newest class is Introduction to Social Networking with a Computer. It will teach you all about Skype, a free service that allows people to communicate via instant messaging with both text and video. This beginning class meets from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, Oct. 20-27. The fee is \$55/Levy member; \$65/nonmember. Part II of the class will focus on the free social networking site, Facebook, and will be held in November. To register or to learn about the other nine computer classes for senior adults, call (847) 448-8250.

**Build flexibility and get in touch with your body.** Levy is offering several exercise classes to help you improve your coordination and stamina. The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program (AFEP) will flex your joints and muscles, Qi Gong teaches you relaxing, gentle movement to improve balance and circulation, and Feldenkrais helps you recapture the ease of movement you once had through bodily awareness. All three classes begin the week of Oct. 10; AFEP meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 or 10:15 a.m., Qi Gong meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m., and Feldenkrais meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Fees vary. For more information and to register, call 847-448-8250.

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## Howl-o-ween

Hello my furry friends! Don't you just love this time of year? My human calls it dog weather. It's the time when it's cool enough to play outside without getting overheated, and after this humid summer I am thankful (Well, that is if it ever cools off.) Plus, it means the howliday season is fast approaching.



Howloween is the beginning and is one of the scariest and oddest of those holidays. Humans dress up like ghosts and goblins to try and scare one another. Well, often times they scare my fellow pet friends and me too! So, remember to keep us pets in a safe enclosed place during this time. We don't want anyone running out of gates or doors and getting hurt. As if the humans dressing up is not enough, there is a growing trend for us pet's to get in on the fun! My own Human enjoys decorating me with designs and colors. I personally think it's a little much, but on the other paw I get loads of extra attention from people who can't believe their eyes. Many stores now carry pet costumes for all size pets. I would recommend getting us pets used to the costume before Howloween. Many of my pet friends get nervous in these outfits. Please also make sure us pets are able to see and move easily in the costume, and I also recommend something reflective so we can be better seen at night. Thankfully Howloween is only one night, so my friends wag you're tail, bear it, and just remember all the attention you will receive!

Lastly, a warning about the treats you young humans receive. Chocolate can be very toxic to us pets, so keep it well out of our reach. The other candies and goodies you humans receive is also not good for us. You don't want to eat our treats, and we shouldn't eat yours. Which reminds me; please have some tasty pet treats available for us as well. We want to enjoy Howloween too, especially if you force us into a costume!

Please have a fun and safe Howl-O-Ween and don't eat too many treats!

Until next time,  
Boo-Boo Boosley

*Submitted by Bosley's mom, Nicole Carfora, CMG, owner of Canine Corral.*

## Dog Forms Unique Bond with Dementia Patient

**Rusty tells his side of the story in new children's book**

Caring for a loved one with dementia can be exhausting both mentally and physically. But a loving companion can make all the difference. As told through the eyes of Rusty the dog, *Rusty and Mr. Earlie* (published by AuthorHouse), by Pershail Catherine Young, shows readers that patience and understanding are key to helping someone with dementia.

Young has been providing care for her 97-year-old father with dementia for several years. She has watched as Rusty, part cocker spaniel and part retriever, stood by her father's side despite his changing personality. Mr. Earlie, a WWII veteran, and Rusty have been best friends for four years.

Rusty and Mr. Earlie is a great read for children who are around aging grandparents. Perfect for children over five, the book takes readers through several scenes to show children how to deal with someone who is experiencing dementia.

Mr. Earlie often says, "It's time for me to go. I need to go home. This isn't my home."

Sometimes the dementia makes him wander through the house, and he gets very confused. He doesn't understand where he is and wants to leave. When this happens, we need to be patient and understanding with Mr. Earlie until he calms down.

Rusty is loyal to Mr. Earlie even though he sometimes can't remember his name. For a family who is facing tough decisions regarding an older relative, Young's book provides new perspective through the eyes of a loving companion.

Pershail Catherine Young works in the field of administration at the university level and is an adjunct faculty member. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and her master's degree in human development from the University of Maryland, College Park. Her observation of her father and his dog on a daily basis was the inspiration for this book.

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## September is National Guide Dog Month at PETCO

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Go to <http://www.anticruelty.org/> for more information and to purchase tickets.

### Marvin #1137364

Marvin is a VERY handsome 3-year old Doberman Pinscher mix! He's got a gorgeous brown coat, with varying shades of chocolate and brown, with just the perfect touches of white. Marvin is a friendly and fun guy who came to us as a transfer from another shelter. Marvin is a very active and somewhat hyper dog that will need an experienced dog owner who will provide him with lots of exercise to keep him healthy and happy. Obedience classes would be great for Marvin -- he already knows "sit," "down" and "paw," but he is such a smart guy, he's sure to learn more and go straight to the top of the class!



### Ozzie #9970627



What a sharp looking fellow! Ozzie is a 7-year old very handsome black and white kitty. He's got awesome markings, right down to the adorable tip of white on his tail and the cute spot of black on his nose -- no doubt where he was kissed by an angel! Ozzie is a personable and social guy, coming right up front to greet me when I came to visit. Ozzie is a very gentle fellow who would do great with children. He is curious and fun, and will make a phenomenal new feline family member. Devoted, loving and very sweet,

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